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Just a heads up, we've received a comment from our International Affairs Branch that *"The Report might benefit from a brief (1 page or less) summary/conclusion following the info on the Science annex, reiterating some of the points from the front end. The current layout lacks something in the way of closure. Some suggestions are provided at the end of the document."* I've used their proposed text and tweaked a bit (below).

SUMMARY AND CONCLUDING REMARKS

Under the 2012 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, Canada and the United States have been working together to *restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the waters of the Great Lakes*.

This report outlines the significant progress achieved over the first three years of the implementation of the Agreement's Articles and ten Annexes. The accomplishments demonstrate the Parties efforts to protect this vital treasure and fulfil their promises made under the Agreement.

As the first Progress Report of the Parties under the 2012 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, there is room for improvement and the Parties, using information from the forthcoming International Joint Commission's Assessment of Progress Report, will endeavour to further enhance the subsequent Progress Report of the Parties to be issued in 2019.

Canada and the United States look forward to continuing the vital work under the GLWQA, in a spirit of consultation and collaboration with state and provincial governments, tribal governments, First Nations, Métis, municipal governments, watershed management agencies, other local public agencies, and the general public.